

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The operating control system is for use with equipment, generally having an exterior case, a power source, an input device, at least one activation/deactivation member, and a control member. The control member, such as a separate chip or programming embedded into existing chips, either has its own input device to enable the input of user access codes or uses an input device inherent in the equipment, such as the buttons on a cell phone. In the preferred embodiments, a readout panel, such as a cell phone, computer or camera screen, is used to monitor the status of the equipment. The readout can also be an audio output. The control member is in communication with the input device, readout panel, power source, and activation/deactivation member. The control member prevents, once deactivated, operation of the equipment without entry of a user code. The control member can also be programmed to control the internal functions of the electronic device, such as permitting the viewing of certain channels on a TV during a predetermined time, and other channels during other times. Secondary access codes permit the system to be programmed to permit activation of the device only by those containing the secondary codes. The device can also permit cell phone calls out, but not in, or vice versa, during set time periods. Any equipment having electronic components can be incorporated with the disclosed device to provide the ability to selectively determine which features are active for specific time periods. In digital equipment, such as cameras, camcorders, etc, the capabilities are increased due to the versatility versatility of the digital technology and it should be noted that any of the capabilities disclosed herein with one digital device can be incorporated in other digital devices.